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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live in a rural community that is underserved by the big utilities and cable companies. I am currently awaiting hookup to optic fiber that was made possible by a small company called Race. It is days away and I will finally have a way to connect to the outside world at an affordable price.

Before this, I have endured unreliable phone and internet service. I cant even get DSL in my area and the copper wires maintained by AT and T have so much interference at times that you cant engage in a normal phone call. Both of these services come with premium prices and cant even be upgraded for any amount of money.

The internet service I have at a cost of \$90 per month goes in and out regularly and offers a 1.5 mb up and down connection. It makes it impossible to work at home as you never know when the meager connection will stop transmitting all together. This connection is the third system I have had in the last 8 years and is by far the best but still really horrible in todays world. I have no cell service either so at times, there is no way to connect to the outside world.

The new service I am signed up for and made possible by competition will cost \$35 for both 25 mbs internet and unlimited phone service. I can use it for work and my cell phone. It increases so many opportunities for me.

Keep Broadband Competition!

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